Hed by the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors on Date 5/28/10

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE OF

NEAL A. O'CONNOR

TO PRACTICE ENGINEERING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

THIS MATTER was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors ("Board") upon application for licensure by Neal A. O'Connor ("Respondent") to practice engineering in the State of New Jersey. The Board reviewed information that on or about December 5, 2006 the New York Board of Regents adopted the provisions set forth in an

"Application for Consent Order" ("New York Consent Order") executed by the Respondent at which time his New York license to practice engineering was suspended for one (1) year, but stayed and served as a period of probation. Respondent was also required to pay a \$2,500.00 fine and comply with other terms and conditions. More specifically, the Respondent admitted guilt to one (1) specification of professional misconduct in connection with his filling of an incomplete financial disclosure form.

Additionally, on or about October 25, 2005 Respondent entered a guilty plea in the New York Supreme Court, New York County, to "Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the Second Degree." Thereafter, on or about June 20, 2006 Respondent was sentenced to a one (1) year conditional discharge.

As a result of the foregoing, the Board has determined that Respondent's criminal conviction as well as the New York disciplinary action provide a basis to take disciplinary action against Respondent's New Jersey license to practice engineering pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f) and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g).

IT NOW APPEARING that the parties wish to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings; and that Respondent meets the requirements to be licensed as a professional engineer in the State of New Jersey; and that the Respondent hereby waives any right to a hearing in this matter; and the Board finding the within

Order adequately protects the public's health, safety and welfare; and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS May of MALL, 2010, ORDERED AND AGREED THAT Respondent shall be, and hereby is, granted a license to practice engineering in the State of New Jersey upon the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Respondent's license to practice engineering in the State of New Jersey shall be, and hereby is, suspended for one (1) year, to be stayed in its entirety and served as a period of probation.
- 2. Upon signing this Consent Order, Respondent shall pay investigative costs of Four Hundred Fifty Five and 54/100 (\$455.54) by certified check or money order made payable to the "State of New Jersey" and forwarded to Arthur Russo, Executive Director, State Board of Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors, 124 Halsey Street, 3rd Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102.
- 3. Respondent agrees that if the Board, upon receipt of reliable information and in its sole discretion, determines during the probationary period that the Respondent has failed to comply with any provision of the New York Consent Order, terms of his plea agreement and/or criminal conviction, or is in violation of any of the statutes and/or regulations governing the practice of engineering in the State of New Jersey, then Respondent's New Jersey license to practice engineering shall be automatically and

immediately suspended. Within ten (10) days of notification of the suspension, Respondent may seek in writing a hearing before the Board limited to the sole issue of the basis for the automatic suspension.

> STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

JONES, P.L.S.

Board President

I have read and I understand this Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I further hereby consent to the entry of this Consent Order.